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The Collector's Magazine

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Cover photo: This year, volunteers have once again helped to maintain our hiking trails. Appropriately marked by the hiking stamp from designer Nicole Vögeli.
Photo: Joel Schilter

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Dear Reader

As we publish this issue of Focus on stamps, we're already into the second half of the 2022 stamp year, with the third stamp issue presenting some of my favourite designs of this year:

The colourful, celebratory "Marriage for all" commemorative stamp bears witness to a memorable social milestone: since 1 July 2022, same-sex couples in Switzerland have also had the right to wed – to enter into the bond of marriage. By passing this law, Switzerland has taken another positive step towards gender equality. Even so, this is a milestone achieved only as a result of decades of struggle by LGBTIQ+ activists campaigning for recognition against all odds and standing up for their rights.

On the "Association of Swiss Archivists" special stamp, one of the most celebrated Swiss stamp sets, the seated Helvetia, gets an update. Featuring images of a floppy disk and cloud, this Helvetia has arrived in the digital world, doing away with the clichéd image of the archivist as fusty and outmoded. Because with the rapid pace of digital progress in today's information age, the challenges faced by archives are also changing. Another highlight of this issue for me is the "Hiking" stamp. This is a special stamp that came about as the winner of a competition for the general public launched by Swiss Post last autumn on its social media channels.

Incidentally, the last big philately competition was held in 1995, when 37,459 competitors of all ages submitted their stamp designs.

I hope that you enjoy exploring this new stamp issue and that you too will find one or two favourites among our latest stamps.

Julia Sophia Barmettler
Postage stamps archive

Issuing programme

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No.	Value	Description
3	3.80	**Special stamps** Christmas – Festive greetings
	0.90	Mouse
	1.10	Deer
	1.80	Rabbit
2	3.40	**Special stamps** Christmas – Sacred art
	1.10	Nativity
	2.30	Angel
2	2.00	**Special stamps** The LEGO Group
	0.90	Chalet
	1.10	Cow

No.	Value	Description
1	1.65	**Miniature sheet** Stamp Day 2022 Burgdorf
2	3.00	**Special stamps with surcharge** Pro Juventute – Stay connected
	0.90+0.45	Family moments
	1.10+0.55	Youth gatherings

Subject to change.
As at: June 2022

Event calendar

Month	Key	Date	Location	Event
September	**I**	8.9		**Issue date**
	SS+	9–10.9	Feldkirch, AT	Special branch commemorating 150 years Feldkirch–Schaan–Buchs railway line
	FoS	29.9		Focus on stamps 4/2022: The Collector's Magazine
October	TF/E	27–29.10	Ulm, DE	International Stamp Fair Ulm
November	TF/E	3–5.11	Paris, FR	76th Salon Philatélique d'Automne
	I	10.11		**Issue date**
	TF/E	18–20.11	Verona, IT	Veronafil 2022
	SS+	24–26.11	Burgdorf, CH	Stamp Day 2022 Burgdorf
December	SS	8–9.12	Bern-Bethlehem, CH	Christmas branch

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Key

I	Issue date for stamps/postal stationery
FoS	Focus on stamps (collector's magazine)
TF/E	Trade fair/exhibition
SS	Sales stand
SS+	Sales stand with cancellation service

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Basel stamp counter is moving

On 1 September, the stamp counter at the Basel Annahme branch will move to the Elisabethen branch. This is because the building at the current location of the Basel Annahme branch will be demolished in 2023. Customers can look forward to a new philately postmark at the new location.

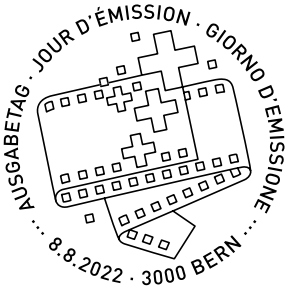
Swiss Crypto Stamp 2.0

Following up on the success of the first crypto stamp last year, Swiss Post is launching the second issue of the Swiss crypto stamps on 8 August. The focus of issue 2.0 is on young Swiss film-makers.

A kiss, the blue sky, a yellow lemon or flowers: a series of delightful drawings by illustrator Corina Vögele provide the designs for the ten self-adhesive stamps making up Swiss Crypto Stamp 2.0. They are published in collaboration with the Locarno Film Festival, which celebrates its 75th anniversary this year.

As digital "twins" of the physical stamps, Swiss film-makers have produced NFTs (non-fungible tokens) in the form of short videos. The artists have interpreted symbols and values of present-day Switzerland, as reflected in the designs of the physical stamps. These include transparency, solidarity, peace and diversity.

The NFTs will be presented two days before sales begin. Each of the ten designs making up Swiss Crypto Stamp 2.0 has a print run of 25,000 copies. For more information, go to **swisspost.ch/crypto-stamp**.



First-day cancellation

Valentin Merz

Samuel Patthey

Elie Grappe

Klaudia Reynicke

Maya Kosa / Sergio da Costa

Denise Fernandes

Cyril Schäublin

Nora Longatti

Yan Hirschbühl

Elene Naveriani

Joint product

This folder includes the ten 2022 EUROPA original stamps for Liechtenstein, Austria, Germany, Luxembourg, the Netherlands and Switzerland. The issue, which has become a fine tradition, includes fascinating backgrounds on the many stories and myths surrounding heroes and magical beings.

Vote now

Voting for the best EUROPA stamp 2022 will be open from 9 May to 9 September. Why not join in? You can find the online vote at **posteurop.org/europa2022.**

Order using an order form or at postshop.ch

Product	Mint	Cancelled	Price in CHF
Multilateral set			
Joint product	A404 990		24.80

Commemorative stamp

Marriage for all

On 26 September 2021, Swiss voters said "yes" to the "Marriage for all" initiative. Swiss Post is commemorating this decision with a special stamp. It was issued on 1 July 2022, the day on which the new law came into force.

According to the website of the "Marriage for all" committee, the LGBTIQ+ community* in our country numbers some half a million people. The fact that everyone will be allowed to marry from this summer onwards constitutes another milestone on the road to equality. Although homosexual acts were decriminalized as early as 1942, it was not until 1 January 2000 that discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation was prohibited under constitutional law. The Same-Sex Partnership Act was introduced in 2007, allowing the registration of same-sex partnerships. And from 1 July 2022, marriage is now also possible.

The design of the traditional or digital stamps shows balloons in the colours of the familiar rainbow flag rising into the sky. Releasing balloons is a typical custom at many weddings, with the cards they carry generally sending congratulations to the new couple far and wide. Fittingly, the cards for the design say "Yes" in all four national languages.

Sheetlet of 10 stamps

* LGBTIQ+ is an acronym standing for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex, queer and all other people who feel they belong to the queer community. Used as an adjective, the term "queer" refers to things, actions or people that diverge from the norm.

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3000 BERN 1
1/7/2022
Helvetia
110
Da für alle · Mariage pour tous · Matrimonio per tutti · Lieds per tuts

Single stamp on first-day cover C6

Technical information	
Sales	Philately: from 1.7.2022 until further notice Branches: from 1.7.2022 until further notice
Validity	Unlimited from 1.7.2022
Printing	Offset, 4-colour; Gutenberg AG, Schaan, Principality of Liechtenstein
Sizes	Stamps: 28×33 mm Sheetlet: 192×115 mm, 2 rows of 5 stamps
Paper	White stamp paper with optical brightener, self-adhesive, on backing paper, 196 gm²
Perforation	13 ½ : 13 ¼
Design	Isabelle Bühler, Uster

Important note

The "Marriage for all" special stamp and additional products are now available for delivery. Please note that orders also containing other products from this issue cannot be sent until 1 September 2022. Our subscribers will also receive their delivery from 1 September 2022.
If you wish to receive the "Marriage for all" products earlier, they must be ordered separately. A processing fee of 9 francs will be charged for orders under 15 francs.
Cancellations are subject to the same conditions that apply to this issue.

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Product	Mint	Cancelled	Price in CHF
Stamps			
Single stamp	A447 150	A447 550	1.10
Block of four	A447 160	A447 560	4.40
Sheetlet of 10 stamps	A447 311	A447 351	11.00
Covers			
Single stamp on first-day cover C6		A447 580	2.00
Block of four on first-day cover C6		A447 630	5.30
Sheetlet on first-day cover C5		A447 590	12.20
Unstamped covers/sheetlets			
C6 (162×114 mm)	A447 700		0.90
C5 (229×162 mm)	A447 701		1.20
Folder/collection sheet			
A5	A447 640	A447 650	1.90

Special stamp

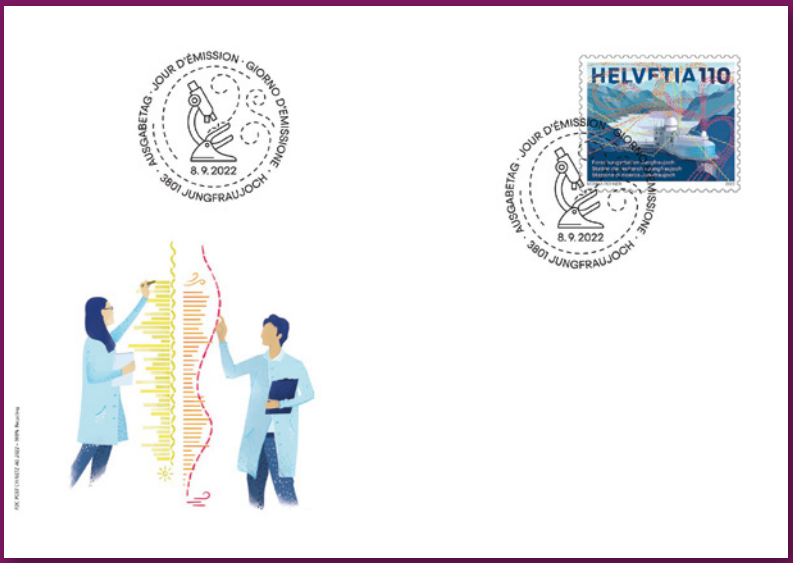
Jungfraujoch research station

100 years ago, the Swiss Federal Council gave the go-ahead for the construction of a research station on the Jungfraujoch glacier saddle in the Alps. The special stamp issued to mark this occasion visualizes one of the many research projects currently under way there.

After the opening of the Jungfrau Railway in 1912, little time was lost in developing ideas for conducting research at this remarkable location. For example, it clearly lent itself to the study of cosmic rays, which had only just been discovered. The station was opened in 1931, focusing initially on questions of glaciology and medicine, but later turning to the field of astronomy. In recent years, the primary focus has shifted to the environmental sciences. At present, more than half of the projects under way involve environmental and climate issues.

The "High Altitude Research Stations Jungfraujoch and Gornergrat International Foundation" (HFSJG) provides researchers from all over the world with scientific infrastructure high up in the Alps. Of the approximately 50 research projects currently in place, one is concerned with the air flows from all over Europe that pass over the station. The process of visualizing these air flows is depicted on the special stamp.

Sheetlet of 10 stamps



Single stamp on first-day cover C6

Technical information	
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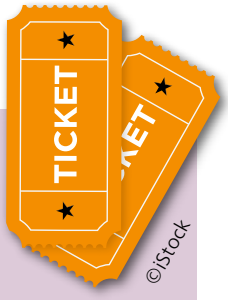
Validity	Unlimited from 8.9.2022
Printing	Offset, 4-colour; Gutenberg AG, Schaan, Principality of Liechtenstein
Sizes	Stamps: 33×28 mm Sheetlet: 190×115 mm, 2 rows of 5 stamps
Paper	White stamp paper, with optical brightener, matt gummed, 110 gm²
Perforation	13¼:13½
Design	Monika Rohner, Zurich

Monika Rohner (left) is the winner of the design competition for the stamp. Prof. Markus Leuenberger (right) spent a day familiarizing the designers with the research station.
Photo: Anik Coray

To be won

5 × 2 people can win a guided tour of the Jungfraujoch research station on 28 September 2022. The prize includes return tickets for the Grindelwald Terminal and lunch. The tour will be conducted in German. There is no age limit, but participants must be in good health and nimble on their feet. Take part until 18 September at **swisspost.ch/stamps**



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Stamps			
Single stamp	A420 150	A420 550	1.10
Block of four	A420 160	A420 560	4.40
Sheetlet of 10 stamps	A420 311	A420 351	11.00
Covers			
Single stamp on first-day cover C6		A420 580	2.00
Block of four on first-day cover C6		A420 630	5.30
Sheetlet on first-day cover C5		A420 590	12.20
Unstamped covers/sheetlets C6 (162×114 mm) C5 (229×162 mm)	 A420 700 A420 701		 0.90 1.20
Folder/collection sheet			
A5	A420 640	A420 650	1.90

Special stamp

Gertrud Kurz 1890–1972

To mark the 50th anniversary of her death, Swiss Post is paying tribute to a woman who will forever be a part of Swiss history: Gertrud Kurz (1890–1972). The goal of this special stamp is to once again acknowledge her commitment – in particular given that the issue of aid to refugees has lost none of its urgency or relevance today.

This woman, who described herself as a "simple housewife", became a member of the international "Kreuzritter" (Crusaders) peace movement in 1930. During the Second World War, Gertrud Kurz fought for a more humane refugee policy in Switzerland, because – despite the authorities' knowledge of the mass murder of Jews – the requirements for the asylum system had been made more stringent. Born in Appenzell but living in Bern at the time, her persistence was rewarded in August 1942 when she found a sympathetic ear in the form of Federal Councillor Eduard von Steiger – at a time, lest we forget, when she herself did not even have the right to vote. As a result, the national border, where according to the Bergier Report around 24,000 refugees had been turned away at the height of the Second World War, was at least partially opened. In 1958, Gertrud Kurz became the first woman ever to receive an honorary doctorate from the Theological Faculty of the University of Zurich.

The central element in the design of the stamp is a portrait of Gertrud Kurz. It is flanked by refugees to the left and border guards at the top right. A homeless person can be seen at the bottom right, representing all of the varying sections of the population who were helped by Gertrud Kurz.

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Product	Mint	Cancelled	Price in CHF
Stamps			
Single stamp	A416 150	A416 550	1.10
Block of four	A416 160	A416 560	4.40
Sheet of 20 stamps	A416 111	A416 511	22.00
Covers			
Single stamp on first-day cover C6		A416 580	2.00
Block of four on first-day cover C6		A416 630	5.30
Unstamped cover C6	A416 700		0.90
Folder/collection sheet			
A5	A416 640	A416 650	1.90

Single stamp on first-day cover C6

Technical information	
Sales	Philately: from 1.9.2022 until 30.9.2023 or while stocks last Branches: from 8.9.2022 until 30.9.2023 or while stocks last
Validity	Unlimited from 8.9.2022
Printing	Offset, 4-colour; Cartor Security Printing, La Loupe, France
Sizes	Stamps: 33×28 mm Sheet: 194×140 mm (4 rows of 5 stamps)
Paper	White stamp paper, with optical brightener, matt gummed, 110 gm²
Perforation	13 ¼ : 13 ½
Design	Stephan Kuhn, Eglisau

100 years Association of Swiss Archivists VSA-AAS

To mark its 100th birthday, the Association of Swiss Archivists (VSA) is being honoured with an exemplary document that, because it is printed on acid-free paper, will truly stand the test of time: a stamp. It depicts a seated Helvetia.

Thanks to metallic printing ink, the seated Helvetia is particularly radiant.

However, this Helvetia has long since arrived in the digital age, as can be seen from the floppy disk and the cloud in the background – making it an apt symbol of the modern archive.

Founded in Lenzburg in 1922, the Association of Swiss Archivists represents archivists, record managers and information professionals. As a national body, it supports collaboration between professional archives and aims to ensure user-friendly access to archive material. It is largely responsible for shaping the information society in Switzerland.

Archives today are generally hybrid, containing both analogue and digital originals and unique items of legal, historical and scientific significance.

They provide for transparency and understanding, safeguarding the memory of nations, companies, institutions and individuals. Archives are of great use in fields such as science, journalism, research into local history and genealogy – and indeed also philately.

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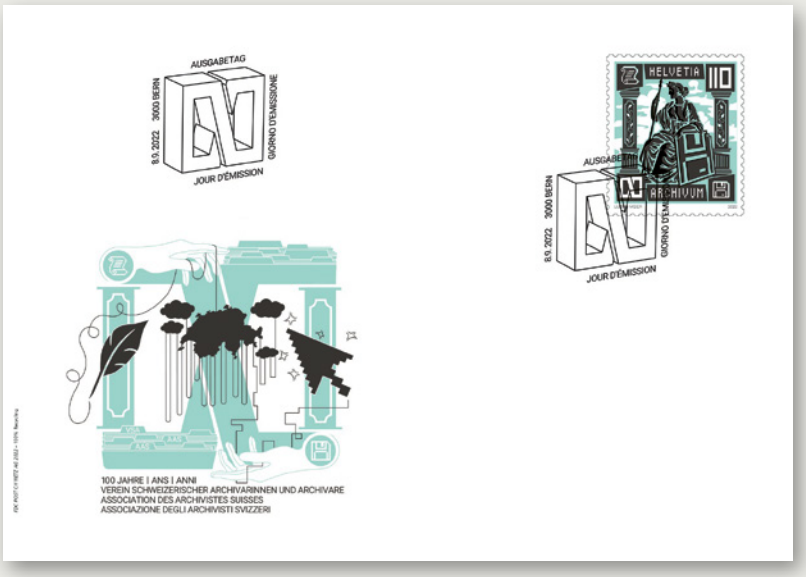
Product	Mint	Cancelled	Price in CHF
Stamps			
Single stamp	A419 150	A419 550	1.10
Block of four	A419 160	A419 560	4.40
Sheet of 20 stamps	A419 111	A419 511	22.00
Covers			
Single stamp on first-day cover C6		A419 580	2.00
Block of four on first-day cover C6		A419 630	5.30
Unstamped cover C6	A419 700		0.90
Folder/collection sheet			
A5	A419 640	A419 650	1.90



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Validity	Unlimited from 8.9.2022
Printing	Offset, 3-colour and gloss finish; Gutenberg AG, Schaan, Principality of Liechtenstein
Sizes	Stamps: 28×33 mm Sheet: 140×194 mm (5 rows of 4 stamps)
Paper	White stamp paper with optical brightener, matt gummed, 110 gm²
Perforation	13 ½:13 ¼
Design	Luzian Meier, Zürich

Special stamp

Public transport

When Switzerland's first railway line started scheduled services between Zurich and Baden on 9 August 1847, it marked the beginning of a remarkable period of development for our country. The special stamp issued to mark the 175th anniversary conveys the dynamic nature of this development.

Referring to a Baden puff pastry speciality, the railway line was popularly known as the "Spanish bun line", going down as such in history. It signals the dawn of a new era. Because the railways have shaped Switzerland's industrial, technological, spatial and social development like no other mode of transport. But, although the success story of public transport in Switzerland may be based on the rail network, it has also been influenced for decades by strong cooperation between all areas of the industry. This includes the nationwide, coordinated range of transport services offered by the various operators: trains, buses, trams, boats, cable cars and mountain railways.

With its format, a design extending beyond the edge of the stamp and a dynamic choice of colours – from pale tones at the beginning through to the colourful vehicles of our time – the special Swiss Association of Public Transport stamp does justice to this topic in every respect.

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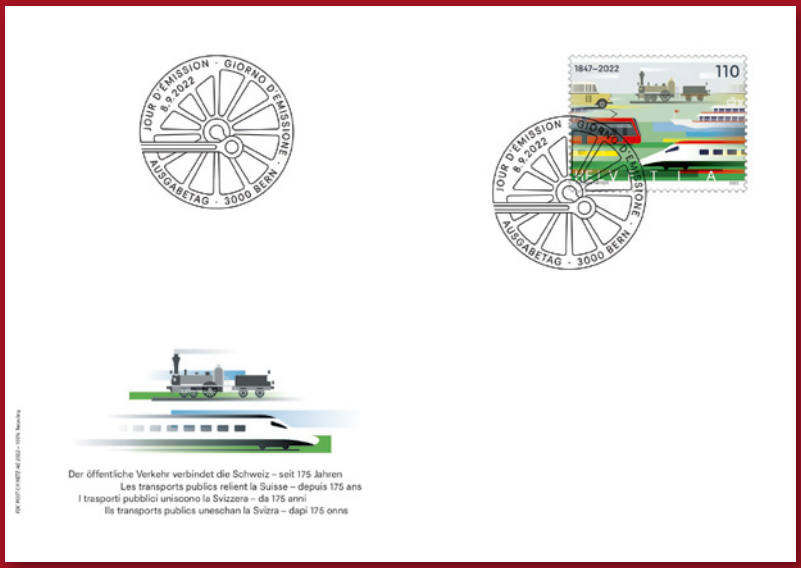
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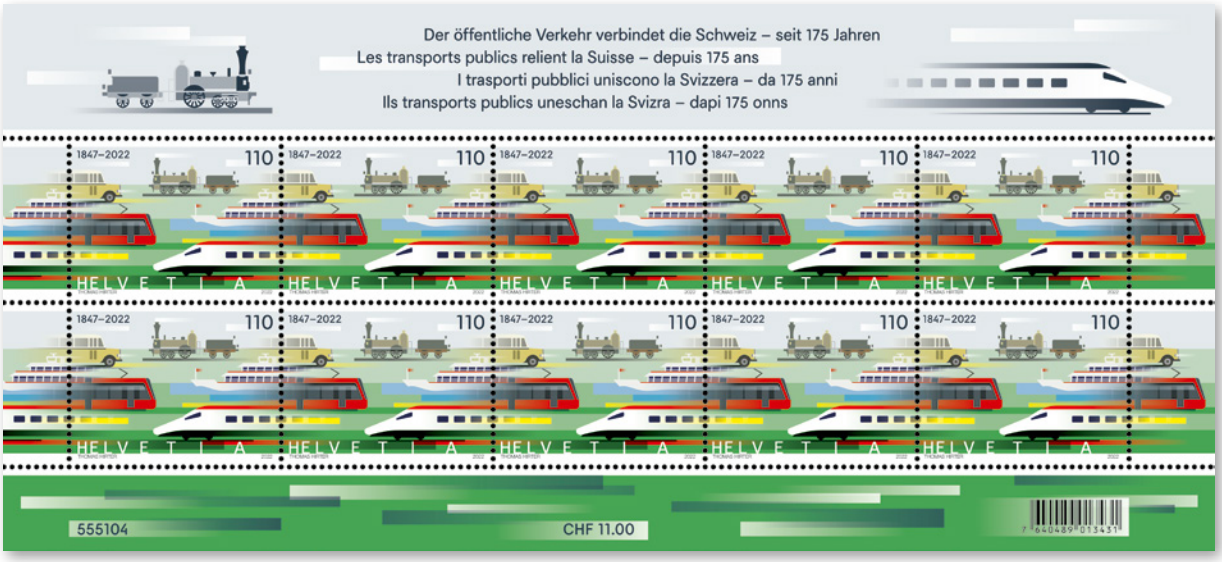
Printing	Offset, 5-colour; Cartor Security Printing, La Loupe, France
Sizes	Stamps: 36.5×28.2 mm Sheetlet: 210×95 mm 2 rows of 5 stamps
Paper	White stamp paper, with optical brightener, matt-gummed, 110 gm²
Perforation	14:14
Design	Thomas Hirter, Bern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Product	Mint	Cancelled	Price in CHF
Stamps			
Single stamp	A418 150	A418 550	1.10
Block of four	A418 160	A418 560	4.40
Sheetlet of 10 stamps	A418 311	A418 351	11.00
Covers			
Single stamp on first-day cover C6		A418 580	2.00
Block of four on first-day cover C6		A418 630	5.30
Sheetlet on first-day cover C5		A418 590	12.20
Unstamped covers/sheetlets C6 (162×114 mm) C5 (229×162 mm)	 A418 700 A418 701		 0.90 1.20
Folder/collection sheet			
A5	A418 640	A418 650	1.90

Anniversary year

Browse through the various activities related to the anniversary at **175-jahre.ch** and find something to inspire you.

Special stamp

The popular sport of hiking

A hiking boot that looks like a mountain with a cable car running along it – so, literally a mountaineering boot: "The popular sport of hiking" special stamp has a special design. This proposal won the day against around 600 entries in a public vote held as part of a design competition open to the general public.

The high level of interest is no coincidence – among the Swiss public, hiking is the most popular sporting activity:

- 57 percent of the resident population aged over 15 hike regularly. That equates to around 4 million Swiss people.
- The average age of hikers is 50, making hiking a lifetime sport across the generations.
- More than 65,000 kilometres of well-maintained hiking trails provide access to Switzerland's most magnificent landscapes – from local recreational areas to Alpine mountains.
- The routes are signposted at around 50,000 signpost locations. The look of the yellow signposts is recognized by 96 percent of the Swiss population.

This globally unique network is one of the Swiss Hiking Trail Federation's major achievements. With its 26 cantonal organizations, the federation has been working since 1934 to ensure that signposting on hiking trails is attractive, reliable and uniform. This is only possible thanks to the commitment of 1,500 volunteers, a favourable regulatory framework and the financial support of patrons, members and companies.

Swiss hiking trails and Swiss Post have much more in common than just the colour yellow

Just like our hiking trails, Swiss Post is also a hallmark of Swiss identity. As the main partner of the Swiss Hiking Trail Federation, Swiss Post is now recommending hiking routes with many valuable tips for families for the sixth season in a row. You can now easily order the hiking map for delivery to your home at **swisspost.ch/hiking**.

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Product	Mint	Cancelled	Price in CHF
Stamps			
Single stamp	A424 150	A424 550	1.10
Block of four	A424 160	A424 560	4.40
Sheet of 10 stamps	A424 111	A424 511	11.00
Covers			
Single stamp on first-day cover C6		A424 580	2.00
Block of four on first-day cover C6		A424 630	5.30
Unstamped cover C6	A424 700		0.90
Folder/collection sheet			
A5	A424 640	A424 650	1.90

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Validity	Unlimited from 8.9.2022
Printing	Offset, 4-colour; Joh. Enschedé, Haarlem, Netherlands
Sizes	Stamps: 33×28 mm Sheet: 82×198 mm (open), 82×99 mm (folded) (5 rows of 2 stamps)
Paper	White stamp paper, with optical brightener, self-adhesive, on backing paper, 196 gm²
Perforation	Serpentine cut (4 sides)
Design	Nicole Vögeli, Zofingen

The winner: Nicole Vögeli from Zofingen

"Anyone who knows me knows that I like to send nicely designed mail, and that I also like creating my own greetings cards. When I heard about Swiss Post's competition to design a stamp on the theme of hiking, I just had to try my luck," says Nicole Vögeli, a kindergarten teacher and mother of two, explaining her motivation for taking part. As she tried to come up with ideas, two motifs quickly crystallized: hiking boots and landscape. The boots by themselves didn't seem interesting enough to her. A drawing of a landscape also lacked that certain something. "Looking more closely at pictures of hiking boots, it struck me: isn't their shape a little bit like a mountain? So that's how I came up with the idea of realizing the creative potential of 'mountaineering boot': including a yellow hiking trail signpost."

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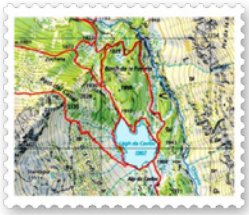
Images from the design competition



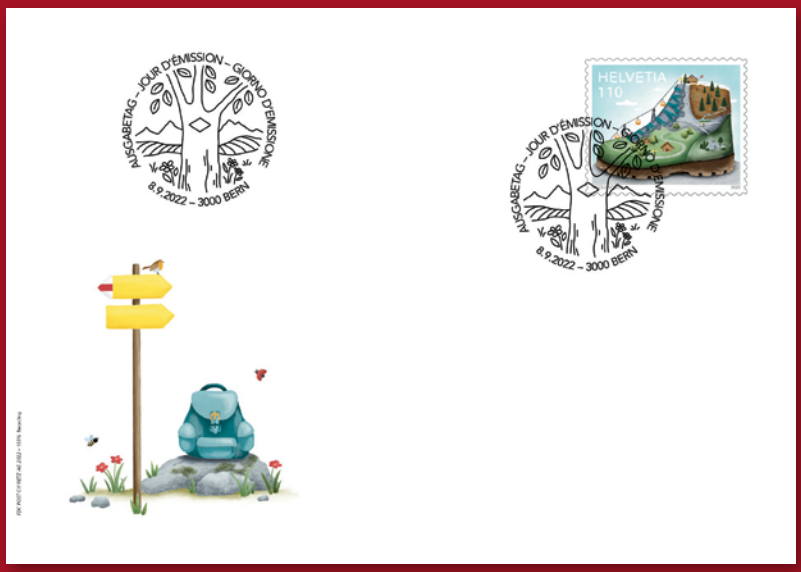
Typically Swiss

It's THE stamp for all proud Swiss citizens and for all fans of our country and the Swiss Alps – the "Typically Swiss" special stamp pulls out all the stops.

Mountains, nature and folklore – you can't get a more clichéd picture of Switzerland than that. But there's no point in doing things by halves: the stamp features the Matterhorn, a symbol of Switzerland and one of the best-known mountains in the world. Then there's edelweiss, the most famous mountain flower of them all. And finally, the alphorn and the herdsman playing it.

With stickers on the stamp sheet

Sheet of 10 stamps



Single stamp on first-day cover C6

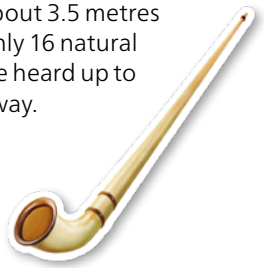
Technical information	
Sales	Philately: from 1.9.2022 to 30.9.2023 or while stocks last Branches: from 8.9.2022 to 30.9.2023 or while stocks last
Validity	Unlimited from 8.9.2022
Printing	Offset, 4-colour; Joh. Enschedé, Haarlem, Netherlands
Sizes	Stamps: 33×33 mm Sheet: 120×230 mm (open), 120×150 mm (folded) (5 rows of 2 stamps)
Paper	White stamp paper, with optical brightener, self-adhesive, on backing paper, 196 gm²
Perforation	Serpentine cut (3 sides) + contour cut (1 side)
Design	Andrea Klaiber, Winterthur

Meanwhile, many people may not realize…

…that the Matterhorn is a piece of African rock. It's actually a remnant of a vast rocky mass pushed across the European continent during the formation of the Alps.

…that edelweiss originates in the Himalayas and Siberia and did not reach Europe until the Ice Age. The highest point at which it has been found in this country is 3,140 metres above sea level, at a spot below the Matterhorn.

…that the alphorn is classed as a brass instrument, is about 3.5 metres long, can play only 16 natural tones and can be heard up to 10 kilometres away.



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Product	Mint	Cancelled	Price in CHF
Stamps			
Single stamp	A421 150	A421 550	1.10
Block of four	A421 160	A421 560	4.40
Sheet of 10 stamps	A421 111	A421 511	11.00
Covers			
Single stamp on first-day cover C6		A421 580	2.00
Block of four on first-day cover C6		A421 630	5.30
Unstamped cover C6	A421 700		0.90
Folder/collection sheet			
A5	A421 640	A421 650	1.90

Miniature sheet
Joint issue Austria–
Liechtenstein–Switzerland

150 years Feldkirch–Schaan–Buchs railway line

Issue date: 9 September 2022

For 150 years now, a stretch of railway just 18 kilometres long has formed the backbone of long-distance services between Austria, Liechtenstein and Switzerland. This important connection is being celebrated with a joint issue.

Coming into service on 24 October 1872, this railway line remains something of a curiosity today. First, because the electric line is the only stretch of railway in the Principality of Liechtenstein; and secondly, because many long-distance services between Austria and Switzerland, for both goods and passengers, also use this line – despite it being single-track.

The miniature sheet issued to mark the 150th anniversary is available as a Swiss variant with only the Helvetia stamp or, alternatively, with the stamps from all three countries and the face values for each stamp. They feature three locomotives from different eras used in each of the nations: a 1927 steam engine for Austria, an electric ÖBB traction unit from 2004 for Liechtenstein and SBB's legendary Re 4/4 II built between 1964 and 1985.

On 9 and 10 September, there will be celebrations in Feldkirch, Austria, to mark the issue of this unique joint product. All three postal organizations will be represented with a special branch. For more information, go to **swisspost.ch/stamps.**

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Items with the Swiss stamp

Product	Mint	Cancelled	Price in CHF
Stamps			
Miniature sheet	A422 315	A422 815	1.80
Covers			
Miniature sheet on first-day cover E6		A422 580	2.80
Covers without miniature sheet C6 (162×114 mm) E6 (200×140 mm)	 A422 700 A422 701		 0.90 1.00
Folder/collection sheet			
A5	A422 640	A422 650	2.60

Miniature sheet on first-day cover E6

Technical information	
Sales	Philately: from 1.9.2022 to 30.9.2023 or while stocks last Branches (in the region only): from 9.9.2022 to 30.9.2023 or while stocks last
Validity	Unlimited from 9.9.2022
Printing	Offset, 4-colour; Gutenberg AG, Schaan, Principality of Liechtenstein
Sizes	Stamps: 36.6×30 mm Miniature sheet: 120×75 mm
Paper	White stamp paper, with optical brightener, matt-gummed, 110 gm²
Perforation	12¼:12¼
Design	David Gruber, Vienna and Marion Füllerer, St. Pölten

Miniature sheet with the stamps from all countries

Austrian
first-day cancellation

Liechtenstein
first-day cancellation

Items with the stamps from all countries

Product	Mint	Cancelled	Price in CHF
Stamps			
Miniature sheet with the stamps from all countries	A423 315	A423 815	4.65
This miniature sheet is not supplied with the subscription.			
Covers			
First-day cover C6 with the stamps from all countries		A423 580	5.55
Folder/collection sheet			
Folder/collection sheet A5 with the stamps from all countries	A423 640	A423 650	5.45

Note: The Austrian and Liechtenstein stamps are valid for postage only in the respective countries. No consignments may be franked with these stamps in Switzerland.

Special regulations apply to cancellation orders. These can be found in "Philanews 8/2022" at **swisspost.ch/stamp-publications.**

Special stamp

100 years Swiss Air Navigation

Our world is now hard to imagine without the services provided by a company such as Skyguide. And the history of air traffic control goes back almost as far as the art of flying itself. In Switzerland, it began a little over 100 years ago.

The first attempts to transmit ground-to-aircraft radiotelegraphy messages in this country started as early as 1919. In 1921, the first concession was awarded to British company Marconi's Wireless Telegraph Co. Ltd. The founding of subsidiary Marconi Radio AG on 23 February 1922 marked the actual birth of Swiss air traffic control. After various changes of name and responsibilities, Skyguide was founded in 2001. With 1,500 employees at 14 locations, the company provides air navigation services for civil and military flights throughout Europe's busiest airspace.

Over these past 100 years, aviation has made incredible progress – as has air traffic control, which, along with radio, radar, instrument landing and other systems, now makes flying possible at any time of the day and in almost all weather conditions.

The 210-centime special stamp shows a snapshot of aircraft positions, as they would appear on Skyguide monitors, overlaying the motif of a modern passenger aircraft.

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Product	Mint	Cancelled	Price in CHF
Stamps			
Single stamp	A417 150	A417 550	2.10
Block of four	A417 160	A417 560	8.40
Sheetlet of 10 stamps	A417 311	A417 351	21.00
Covers			
Single stamp on first-day cover C6		A417 580	3.00
Block of four on first-day cover C6		A417 630	9.30
Sheetlet on first-day cover C5		A417 590	22.20
Unstamped covers/sheetlets C6 (162×114 mm) C5 (229×162 mm)	 A417 700 A417 701		 0.90 1.20
Folder/collection sheet			
A5	A417 640	A417 650	2.90

Single stamp on first-day cover C6

Technical information	
Sales	Philately: from 1.9.2022 to 30.9.2023 or while stocks last Branches: from 8.9.2022 to 30.9.2023 or while stocks last
Validity	Unlimited from 8.9.2022
Printing	Offset, 4-colour; Gutenberg AG, Schaan, Principality of Liechtenstein
Sizes	Stamps: 33×28 mm Sheetlet: 190×115 mm (2 rows of 5 stamps)
Paper	White stamp paper, with optical brightener, self-adhesive, on backing paper, 196 gm²
Perforation	12:12
Design	Angelo Boog, Dietlikon

Swiss inventions – Barryvox

Barry is the name of the famous dog from the Great St Bernard hospice who is said to have saved the lives of 40 people. His electronic counterpart in the modern era is a device called Barryvox – an avalanche transceiver.

The Barryvox design continues the annual "Swiss inventions" miniature sheet set. The devices, also called avalanche beacons, are used to locate and rescue people caught up in avalanches as quickly as possible. After all, any chance of survival falls dramatically after just a few minutes. Swiss electrical engineer and SAC tour guide Felix Meier played a key role in the development of the device up to its current version, the Barryvox® S by Mammut. The device, which has been improved continuously over more than 40 years, now has a range of up to 100 metres and is able to distinguish between several signals coming from people buried by an avalanche. Felix Meier was also a member of the committee that implemented a DIN standard that ensures all avalanche transceivers now operate on a frequency of 457 kilohertz. With its sparkling snow effect, produced by a special finish, the 210-centime miniature sheet conveys both the fascination with but also the dangers of off-piste skiing and snowboarding in the High Alps.

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Product	Mint	Cancelled	Price in CHF
Stamps			
Miniature sheet	A415 315	A415 815	2.10
Covers			
Miniature sheet on first-day cover E6		A415 580	3.10
Covers without miniature sheet C6 (162×114 mm) E6 (200×140 mm)	 A415 700 A415 701		 0.90 1.00
Folder/collection sheet			
A5	A415 640	A415 650	2.90
Maximum card			
Unfranked A6 picture postcard with "Swiss inventions – Barryvox" miniature sheet affixed and cancelled on the front		A415 851	3.10
Picture postcard			
Unfranked A6 picture postcard "Swiss inventions – Barryvox"	A415 911		1.00

Miniature sheet on first-day cover E6

Technical information	
Sales	Philately: from 1.9.2022 to 30.9.2023 or while stocks last Branches: from 8.9.2022 to 30.9.2023 or while stocks last
Validity	Unlimited from 8.9.2022
Printing	Offset and flexo printing, 4-colour and iridescent finish; Gutenberg AG, Schaan, Principality of Liechtenstein
Sizes	Stamps: 73×56 mm Miniature sheet: 105 × 70 mm
Paper	While stamp paper, with optical brightener, matt gummed, 110 gm²
Perforation	12:12
Design	Jürg Glauser, Ittigen

Not just for Harry Potter fans

The highlight of the stamp set for children this time goes by the name of Harry Potter. The occasion is a stamp exchange between Swiss Post and Correios de Portugal, the Portuguese postal service, on the theme of children. But the set has even more to offer.

One of the six stamps included in the set cannot be used in Switzerland, but it does depict one of eight of the most popular children's film characters of all time. Which of the eight is decided by chance. Maybe it's Harry Potter himself, played in the films by Daniel Radcliffe, or Hermione Granger, the razor-sharp, lightning-fast thinker and best friend of Harry and Ron Weasley. Or indeed Ron, the young man with the freckles. But it might also be Harry's powerful adversary Lord Voldemort, whose very name should never be spoken. Or maybe Albus Dumbledore, Minerva McGonagall, Severus Snape or the half-giant Rubeus Hagrid.

The new stamp set for children is available from 8 September from Postshop and all Swiss Post branches as a single issue for 12 francs. The product is also available at a reduced rate on subscription at **swisspost.ch/stamp-subscriptions**.

Stamp set for children 3/2022

Available from Swiss Post branches and at postshop.ch

Product	Item no.	Price in CHF
Stamp set for children		
German	A425 901	12.00
French	A425 902	12.00
Italian	A425 903	12.00

Phila & Franco go on safari

Is the set not enough? No problem! A Phila & Franco sticker sheet and stationery folder are now also available. Join them when they go on safari!

The sticker sheet comes with around 13 fun safari stickers. The stationery folder contains ten A5 sheets of writing paper and ten envelopes in two different colours.

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Product	Item no.	Price in CHF
Stamp set for children		
Sticker sheet	A445 901	2.50
Stationery folder	A446 902	12.00

Important note

The stationery folder and sticker sheet will be available from 1 August 2022. Please note that orders also containing other products from this issue cannot be sent until 1 September 2022. This product is not supplied with the subscription. A processing fee of 9 francs will be charged for orders under 15 francs.

Colourful stamps

Issue set with single stamps 3/2022

Issue set with first-day covers (FDC) 3/2022

Annual and special products	Mint	Cancelled	Price in CHF
Issue set with single stamps 3/2022			
The single stamps, sets and miniature sheets in the 3/2022 issue are displayed on a free A5 backing card and protected with cellophane wrapping.	A448 150	A448 550	13.70
Issue set with first-day covers (FDC) 3/2022			
The first-day covers with the single stamps, sets and miniature sheets in the 3/2022 issue are combined in one free cover.		A448 580	28.45
2021 year book			
Representing a valuable record of our times, the year book presents all Swiss stamps and first-day cancellations for 2021, along with an exclusive black print, on over 100 pages in four languages (de/fr/it/en).	A379 830	A379 831	69.00
2021 year set			
All Swiss stamps for 2021, clearly laid out on four handy display cards with transparent protective sleeve.	A380 320	A380 820	60.50
2021 year set with first-day covers (FDC)			
All the year's first-day covers – including the single stamps, sets or miniature sheets with the respective first-day cancellations.		A380 530	89.40

2023 stamp catalogues	Item no.	Price in CHF
Zumstein		
Switzerland/Liechtenstein/UN Geneva 2023, German/French	A426 725	35.00
Swiss stamp catalogue		
Switzerland 2023, German/French	A426 787	27.00
The stamp catalogues can be delivered in Switzerland and Liechtenstein only.		

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